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## Stabenow, Levin Announce Money for Two Michigan Fire Departments

WASHINGTON –U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin (D-MI) announced today that fire departments in Sherman and Deerfield Townships will receive a total of \$41,243 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Program. Awarded in the first round of awards from this program this year, these grants will be used to provide firefighters with additional training and personal protective equipment.

“Since September 11, we have all come to realize that our firefighters are true American heroes who deserve the best equipment and training available to assist them in their daily work of protecting our families,” said Stabenow. “This funding will help provide firefighters in Sherman and Deerfield Townships with the resources they need to keep us safe.”

"Our firefighters go to work each day willing to risk their lives to protect us," said Levin. "We must protect them by providing the first-class equipment and training they need and deserve. This funding will strengthen the departments' ability to respond to emergencies while minimizing the risks to the men and women who work so hard to protect our lives."

### Michigan fire departments receiving funding include:

Fire Department	Grant Amount	Purpose
Deerfield Twp. Fire Department	\$33,143	Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety
Sherman Twp.Vol. Fire Department	\$8,100	Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program uses funds made available by Congress to enhance fire departments’ capabilities to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as the firefighting personnel facing fire and fire-related hazards. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, based on demonstrated financial need and potential for maximum benefits. Fire departments may use the money for training, wellness/fitness programs, firefighting vehicles, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment and fire prevention programs.